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SUBJECT: DUTCH CABINET TROUBLES

REF: THE HAGUE 0321 AND 0295

1. DUTCH CABINET HAS BEEN MEETING MOST OF WEEKEND IN ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE ISSUE WHETHER WORKERS' COUNCILS SHOULD HENCEFORTH BY STATUE BE ENTITLED TO MEET WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OF MANAGEMENT. MEETINGS TO CONTINUE MONDAY. THIS WAS PLANK IN LABOR ELECTION PLATFORM OF 1972, IN COMMON WITH PPR. KVP (CATHOLIC) LEADER ANDRIESSEN HAS TAKEN POSITION THAT, WHILE HE DOES NOT WISH A CABINET CRISIS, THIS IS IMPORTANT ISSUE AND HE CANNOT AGREE.

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2. COMMENT: ALL INDICATIONS REMAIN THAT NO ONE INVOLVED

REALLY WANTS TO PRECIPITATE A CABINET CRISIS AT THIS
POINT. SHARPNESS OF THE ISSUE SEEMS MOSTLY DUE TO A DESIRE OF
MAJOR PROTAGONISTS TO ENHANCE THEIR FUTURE ELECTORAL IMAGE.
IT SEEMS MOST LIKELY, AS WITH OTHER DIFFICULT ISSUES TEMPORARILY
SHELVED A FEW WEEKS AGO (REFTELS), PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE WILL
REACH AWARENESS THAT TEMPORARY POSTPONEMENT OF THIS ISSUE ALSO
WOULD BE IN THEIR COMMON INTEREST.
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